

## Writing Pilot Program: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Timed Writing I

### Student Instructions:

Today you will be completing a timed writing assignment, and you will get to choose what you want to write about. Below you will find three expository prompts. Choose **one** prompt and write your assignment on the paper provided. If you need more space to write, you can ask your teacher for additional pages.

For your assignment, it is important to remember to —

- clearly state your controlling idea
- organize your ideas effectively
- choose your words carefully
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences

Below are your prompt choices. Choose **one** prompt to write about and remember do your best!

### Prompt Choices:

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1. Robert Louis Stevenson once said, “A friend is a gift you give yourself.”

**Write an essay explaining the importance of having a good friend.**

2. In the children’s book *The Little Engine That Could*, an engine succeeds in pulling a train over a mountain by repeating the words “I think I can.” The story is so well known and motivational that it has been used in many songs, films, speeches, and advertisements throughout popular culture.

**Write an essay explaining whether a positive attitude helps a person be successful.**

3. Michael Jordan said, “If you run into a wall, don’t turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.”

**Write an essay explaining the importance of never giving up.**